

REMARKS

The withdrawal of the prior restriction requirement is noted.

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 and is presenting a new claim set in this response that is believed to overcome the Examiner's rejections and more clearly defines applicant's invention.

To overcome the statutory double patenting rejection, applicant is filing a terminal disclaimer with this response.

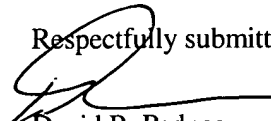
It is believed that the present application is now in condition for allowance and the same is respectively solicited. If, however, the Examiner believes there are still unresolved issues, applicant requests that the Examiner telephone applicant's attorney at his number noted below so that these issues can be discussed and resolved.

Correspondence and Fees

Please charge One Hundred and Thirty dollars (\$130.00) to Deposit Account No. 03-3839 for the Terminal Disclaimer filed herewith. No additional fees are believed to be necessitated by the instant response. However, should this be in error, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account no. 03-3839 for any underpayment, or to credit any overpayments.

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